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1. Chemoprojekt, which is subordinate to the chemistry section of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, is divided organizationally into the following branches and departments:

a. Administrative Branch

Directory
 Personnel Department
 Cadre Department
 Council of Employees
 CSM Unit
 Wages Department
 Propaganda Department
 Archives

b. Project Planning Branch

Construction Department
 Machine Department

The Administrative Branch offices are located in Skretova ulice, Prague II. The main office of the Project Planning Branch is at Hybernska 42, Prague II. Two other branch offices of the Project Planning Branch are located in Prague: one on Sokolovska ulice, Prague X, the other at Palackeho nábrezi, Prague II. There are also branch offices in Most, Usti nad Labem, Lovosice (N51/F43), Rybitvi near Pardubice (O51/M69), Brno and Bratislava.

2. It is the task of Chemoprojekt to draw up the plans for new chemical factories. The Project Planning Branch is responsible for the technical execution of these plans. The Construction Department designs the factory buildings, and the Machine Department works out plans for the equipment which the factories are to use. Complete plans are given to national machine and construction concerns, usually CsZ (Czechoslovak Construction Firm) and Spojene Ocelarny (United Steel Works), which then construct the buildings and machinery. Chemoprojekt also inspects and repairs the machinery of chemical factories already in operation, and there are Chemoprojekt offices in all the larger chemical factories.

3. The following is a list of the important Chemoprojekt personnel:

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Administrative Branch

Director	:	Vala, age 30.
Technical Director	:	Lyska, age about 35; a fanatical Communist.
Chief of Cadre Department	:	Votypka, age about 28; a fanatical Communist.
Chairman of the Council of Employees	:	Kot, age about 40; a fanatical Communist.
	:	Sule, age about 52.
Chief of CSM	:	Milan Barta, age about 20; a member of the Communist Party.

Project Planning Branch

Chief of Department 304*	:	Ing. Jirsak
Chief of Department 305	:	Ing Renlt
Chief of Department 305/6	:	Ing. Frantisek Syblik
Chief of Department 310	:	Ing. Cincibus
Chief of Machine Archives	:	Ing. Hejny

4. Chemoprojekt has recently drawn up plans for chemical factories at Most (Stalin Works), Usti nad Labem, Neratovice (051/F80), Rybitvi near Pardubice and Lovosice. The factory in Neratovice is supposed to produce synthetic material, and the factory at Rybitvi is designed for the production of benzinnyd (sic). Ing. Kaspar was chief on the Rybitvi project. The largest project which has been proposed for 1952 is the planning of a new chemical factory in eastern Slovakia. According to official announcements, this factory is to produce synthetic material, and many Chemoprojekt experts affirm that the products of the factory will be for military use. Department 304 was established for the planning of the factory. Ing. Jirsak is in charge of the project. He enjoys the full confidence of the Communists and often travels abroad. He made a trip to Hamburg, Germany, in the fall of 1951.
5. From 3 September to 11 November 1951, new employees of Chemoprojekt, for the most part young men, underwent technical and political training at Zvikovske Podhradie (N50/L61). The schooling, lasted ten weeks and consisted of eight weeks of technical training and two weeks of political education. The school was divided into two parts, one for architects and one for machinists. Only the basic principles of architecture and engineering were taught. The chairman of the school was Viktor Suchy, about 50 years old. The part of the course devoted to political education consisted of lectures on the international situation by Vazac and lectures by Smeral, Molocky and Burian on the evolution of the present political situation from the beginning of the nineteenth century. Political lecturers were rotated, and employees of Chemoprojekt also lectured.
6. Only five of the 44 enrollees were not members of the CSM. Of these, three were persuaded to join the CSM, and the other two were told that they would have to join within a month. [redacted] got the impression that a considerable part of the Chemoprojekt personnel was anti-Communist. Ing. Slava Biskup and Ing. Klir, former members of the Western Brigade, are strongly against Communism.

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